

2 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1783.

The house appointed Mr. William Harwood clerk. ORDERED, That he qualify as such, by taking the several oaths required, subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and by taking an oath, that he will, honestly, faithfully, and diligently, discharge the office of clerk to the house of delegates of Maryland, and that he will not reveal or disclose the secrets thereof.

The house appointed Mr. Robert Reynolds sergeant at arms, and Mr. Cornelius Mills door keeper. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Seney, Mr. N. Worthington, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Hindman, be a committee of elections and privileges, and report whether they have been made agreeable to the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government.

That Mr. Ware, Mr. Ridgely of William, Mr. Hall, Mr. Key, and Mr. Hindman, be a committee of grievances and courts of justice, and that they have full power to send for persons, papers, and records.

That Mr. Hindman, Mr. Digges, Mr. Steret, Mr. Key, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Hammond, be a committee of claims, and to examine into the state of the treasury and loan office.

That Mr. Quynn, Mr. N. Worthington, and Mr. Ogle, be a committee to enquire what laws have expired or will expire during this session, or at the close thereof.

The house proceeded to the choice of committee clerks, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Mr. Archibald Golder, Mr. George Ranken, and Mr. William Hanson M'Pherson, were elected. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

RESOLVED, That this house will sit, during this session, for the dispatch of public business, from 9 o'clock in the morning till 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion, the question was put, That Mr. Carroll inform the reverend Mr. Gates, that the house request he will perform divine service every morning at the meeting of the house? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Norris appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs	Somerville,	Dunn,	Grahame,	Hawkins,	Brevard,	Quynn,
	De Butts,	B. Worthington,	Mackall,	Hanson,	Duckett,	Love,
	Flowden,	N. Worthington,	Harwood,	Dent,	Digges,	Keene,
	Key,	Hall,	Ireland,	Ridgely,	Magruder,	Steret,
	Maxwell,	Carroll,	Ware,	Hindman,	Courley,	M'Mechen.

N E G A T I V E.

Mc.	Harris,	Seney,	Hammond,	Norris,	Swingle,	Edwards.
	Job,	Beatty,	Ogle,	Wheeler,	Oneale,	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

RESOLVED, That the following rules be observed this session:

1. At the hour appointed for sitting, the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for.

2. If any member be absent at the hour appointed for sitting, the speaker and twenty of the members being met, he shall be fined, unless excused by the speaker, two shillings and six-pence current money for every neglect, to be deducted out of his allowance.

3. Every member shall take his seat when the speaker takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the house rises.

4. Every member, who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall stand up in his place, and with respect and decency address himself to the speaker.

5. No member, at the time of his speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

6. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the speaker shall declare who shall speak first.

7. No member shall speak oftener than twice in any debate, except with leave, nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking in order.

8. Any member called to order by the speaker or any member, must thereupon take his seat.

9. While the house is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in debate.

10. No motion shall be debated until the same be seconded, and, if desired by the speaker or any member, reduced to writing, delivered in at the table, and read by the clerk.

11. When a motion is made and seconded, the matter of the motion shall receive a determination by the question, or be postponed by general consent, or the previous question, before any other motion shall be received.

12. Every